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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON SPAIN

WE HAVE INITIATED DISCUSSIONS IN NATO ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN SPAIN, DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS NOTED BELOW. YOU
MAY DRAW ON THEM ORALLY REPEAT ORALLY AS APPROPRIATE IN
YOUR OWN DISCUSSIONS IN CAPITALS BUT WITHOUT TAKING
INITIATIVE FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

-- THE PRIMARY U.S. OBJECTIVE IN SPAIN -- AND WE CON-
SIDER IT THE WESTERN OBJECTIVE AS WELL -- IS A STABLE
AND COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTABLE TO AND ORIENTED

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TOWARD THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.

-- WE SUPPORT GRADUAL POLITICAL EVOLUTION TOWARD A MORE OPEN AND PLURALISTIC SOCIETY AND CONSIDER SUCH EVOLUTION IMPORTANT BOTH TO PRESERVE STABILITY IN SPAIN AND TO FOSTER HEALTHY RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND HER EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS.

--"WE SEE JUAN CARLOS AS THE MOST REALISTIC PROSPECT FOR INITIATING AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF REFORMS, GIVEN THE FRAGMENTATION OF THE DOMESTIC SITUATION AND THE CONTINUED DOMINANT INFLUENCE OF ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE LEADERS.

-- WHILE WE FAVOR NO PARTICULAR POLITICAL SOLUTION OR PARTY, WE WOULD VIEW COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN A FUTURE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AS AN UNHEALTHY DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY DAMAGE TIES WITH US AND THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS.

-- DURING THE TRANSITION, THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH SPAIN WILL REST ON CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION, ;HIGH IN OUR VIEW CAN HELP GIVE SPAIN'S NEW LEADERSHIP THE CONFIDENCE NECESSARY FOR MOVES TOWARD MORE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

-- THE DISPUTE OVER SPANISH SAHARA HAS BEEN AN ADDITIONAL COMPLICATING FACTOR BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE AT THIS TIME THAT IT HAS ENDANGERED THE SUCCESSION PROCESS ITSELF; IT MAY HAVE IN FACT STRENGTHENED JUAN CARLOS' IMAGE.

-- WE RECOGNIZE THAT SPAIN'S FUTURE LIES IN EUROPE AND THAT EUROPEAN LEADERS WILL HAVE A MAJOR VOICE CONCERNING SPAIN'S TIES WITH THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SPAIN'S WESTERN NEIGHBORS BE REALISTIC IN THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND DEMANDS FOR POLITICAL CHANGE; WE HOPE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND SYMPATHETICALLY TO JUAN CARLOS' REFORM EFFORTS AND NOT SET TOO HIGH STANDARDS TOO EARLY FOR SPAIN'S MOVEMENT TOWARD EUROPE.

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-- (IF ASKED) THE U.S. CONTINUES TO VIEW NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR SPAIN AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF MEETING SPANISH SECURITY NEEDS AND OF PRESERVING NATO MILITARY CAPABILITIES .

2. FOR ROME: YOU MAY USE ABOVE IN ASKING ITALIANS IN THEIR EC PRESIDENCY ROLE ABOUT EC VIEWS AND PLANS REGARDING SPAIN AND EC-SPANISH RELATIONSHIP, MAKING

CLEAR THAT ;E ARE NOT PRESSING THEM TO TAKE A POSITION.
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